



UTAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE – BALD MOUNTAIN/POLE CREEK FIRES - SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Pole Creek and Bald Mountain Fires are still being actively fought in Utah and Juab Counties. Road closures and mandatory evacuation orders are still in place. As of early on September 17, 2018, total size is estimated near 86,739 acres with 2% containment for Pole Creek and 0% for Bald Mountain. The Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Teams are working cooperatively in fighting these fires. 6,000 people have been evacuated, effecting 2,000 homes. Fire officials say today is not a Red Flag day, but it will still be windy with low humidity. This website gives more specific information about both fires: inciweb.nwcg.gov

To receive alerts and updates in your area go to this website: alerts.utahcounty.gov. The information to set up an account is easy to follow. Under Utah County, subscribe to Bald Mountain Fire and Pole Creek Fire. Also follow your city Facebook or other social media page, or the Utah County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. You may also follow Sergeant Spencer Cannon's Twitter account @SGTCannonPIO.

The following evacuations and closures are still in place:

- Santaquin Canyon is closed.
- Payson Canyon is closed.
- Nebo Loop Road at SR-132 in Nephi Canyon is closed.
- US Highway 89, in Spanish Fork Canyon, is closed from mile 312, at Thistle Junction, to mile 298, at the Utah /Sanpete County line.
- Right Fork Hobbie Creek Canyon is closed and is under mandatory evacuation order.**

-MANDATORY EVACUATION STILL IN EFFECT – PLEASE ABIDE BY CLOSURE AND EVACUATION NOTICES:

- All residents living along US HWY-89 in the area from Nebo Creek to Thistle Junction.
- All residents in the Covered Bridge community near the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon.
- All residents living in the cities of Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge.
- Diamond Fork, Sheep Creek, and Right Fork Hobbie Creek Canyon are now under mandatory evacuation order.**
- For residents in these areas who have urgent need to get to their home (For medications or to remove pets or livestock, for example), access points are set up at 11200 S Woodland Hills Drive for Woodland Hills, and 11200 S Elk Ridge Drive (1600 West) for Elk Ridge. Access to Covered Bridge may not be available because of ongoing fire operations. A Deputy will escort those who have these needs.
- Left Fork Hobbie Creek Canyon is under PRE-evacuation notice. ("Be ready in case" status.)**

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